

As I just got back home, and as we drove up the street with some cars having their lights on we saw DOZENS of people in the street JUST BEGINNING THEIR HIKES. This included a number of families with infant carriers and kids. They will all be coming down in the dark. Why are you perpetuating this dangerous magnet? When a car has no breaks you immediately pull over and stop driving. You don't keep going while you figure out what garage to go to. SHUT THE ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS ENTRANCE TO THE PARK AT THE END OF BEACHWOOD NOW!!! And there is a place to go where it's safe, legal and NO ONE WILL BE IN THE STREET--Canyon Drive.

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Sent: Mon, Jan 18, 2010 5:51 p...
Subject: Beachwood Drive Dangerous

Dear Councilman Ryu,

With all due respect, you have a problem. It is no longer Councilman Labonges' problem. It is now yours.

On Beachwood Drive on Saturday when I was out for LESS than a half hour I counted almost 70 people past my house, on Sunday it was 98, and today it was 138!!!! You can do the math. Double that number for how many per hour. Then you can multiply it by how many hours the gate is open—I believe that's 13 hours, but we can be conservative—multiply it by 10 or even 8. And then finally double that number because each visitor here makes 2 trips—one up the street and then back down. Do you think any neighborhood would put up with all of these people in the street? Even I was shocked today by the number of occasions of what appeared to be unaccompanied or unsupervised children in the street—at times in the middle of the street. Needless to say few of these people were walking single file as REQUIRED BY STATE LAW for streets with no sidewalks. There was even a large group singing along to amplified music.

I do not know what the rest of the neighborhood was like. I can only imagine.

I also spoke with another resident on our street who'll be taking the extreme action of putting his house on the market because he cannot continue to live under these conditions. When people chose to leave a neighborhood, it is devastating, it is like a death. One would think the destruction of a unique, historic area would be a black mark on your watch. We are your constituents—advocate for us—protect us.

Our street is not part of the park. Hollywoodland is not an amusement park—if it were it would be immediately shut down for unsafe conditions. The City has created and then is promoting this now